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FRANK H. CROKER AND VICTOR RAOUL KILLED!

Deplorable Automobile Accident Occurred on the
Beach Near Ormond Saturday Afternoon
About 3:30 O'clock.

Frank H. Croker and Victor Raoul are lying in their coffins aboard a train speeding to New York, and Newton Stanley is at the hospital in St. Augustine as the result of an automobile accident on the beach Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Croker was driving his 80 h. p. Simplex machine at a speed of about 90 miles an hour towards Ormond. With him on the machine was his chauffeur, Raoul.

When about a half of a mile south of the Ormond Inn they came in sight of a motorcycle, driven by Newton Stanley, going in the same direction. An extra large wave washed up and to escape it the driver of the motorcycle swerved onto the course of the flying automobile. Croker saw that a collision was inevitable and turned the course of his machine toward the sand dunes.

The balance of the story happened much quicker than it can be told. The left tire came off the wheel and the machine rolled over three times throwing both Croker and Raoul out, killing the latter instantly. The injuries received by Croker consisted of a compound fracture of the right leg, both arms fractured in several places and four ribs broken.

He was picked up and carried to the Hotel Ormond where five or six surgeons set the broken members. Raoul's body was carried to a nearby cottage where it lay until Coroner G. M. Wallace arrived to view it, after which it was removed to the undertaking parlors of Bingham & Maley, in this city.

Newton Stanley, the driver of the motorcycle, has a broken leg as a result of the accident. The automobile

struck his machine a glancing blow, tearing off a pedal and throwing the machine and driver several feet. Newton Stanley is a nephew of F. E. Stanley, who drove a Stanley car to the top of Mount Washington last summer, making the first trip above the clouds in an automobile. Mr. Stanley says of the accident, that he heard a roar behind him and the next he knew he was thrown and one pedal of his machine gone. He is now at the Railway Hospital at St. Augustine.

Glittering hopes were entertained for the life of Croker, but the end came at 6:20 Sunday morning. Only an hour before he died he asked Dr. Parks if the doctors would have him fixed up for Monday. Father J. F. O'Boyle was sent for when it was seen that the injuries would probably prove fatal, and the last rites of the Catholic church were administered to the dying man.

Frank H. Croker was the second son of Richard Croker, the ex-boss of Tammany Hall of New York. The young man was 28 years of age.

crowd and the racers. I was directly in line of the accident when it occurred and about 60 feet away. I happened to be watching the racer and also noticed the motorcycle both of which were going North. Croker had just opened the machine up and was running about a mile in 142. The motorcycle was close to the water's edge and Croker was steering to pass to the left of the rider. As he got almost upon him the motorcycle swerved to the left. I suppose to avoid the waves or the wet sand, getting right in the

THIRD ANNUAL MEET COMMENCES TOMORROW.

Everything in Readiness for Father Time to Wipe
Out Existing Motor Records and Replace
Them With Others.

The Third Annual International Automobile Tournament will open tomorrow on Old Ocean's grand

autodrome; according to old residents it was never better. It is entirely different in formation from any other beach in the world. For ages nature has been washing up the coquina shell and sand, rolling it back and pulverizing it to perfect smoothness and hardness.

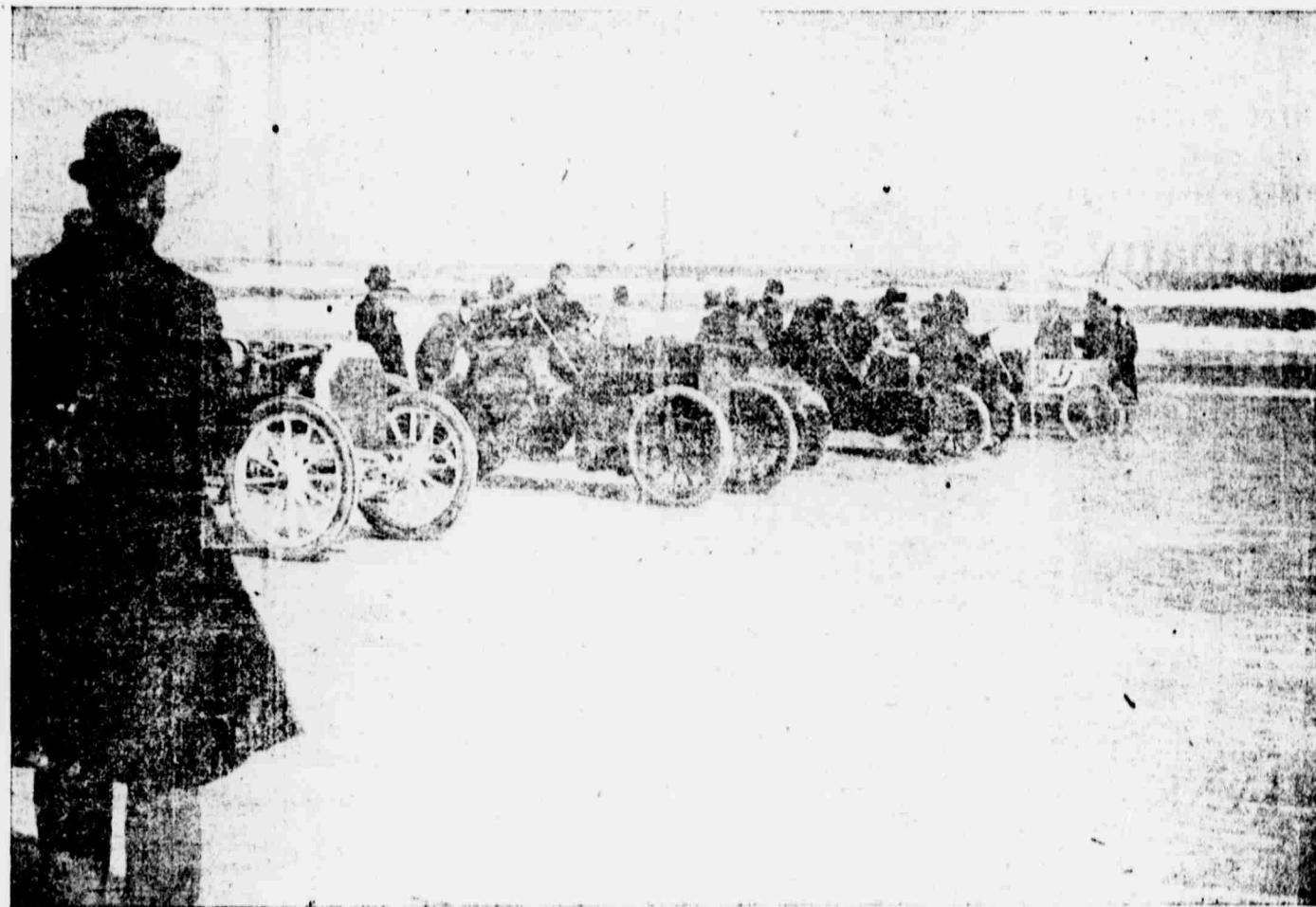
The races will start tomorrow, probably at about one o'clock, low tide being at 5:45. The program for the events has not yet been arranged, but the racing committee of the Florida East Coast Automobile Association will meet this evening and decide on the events for tomorrow.

Sheriff Turner and twenty deputies will be on hand to keep spectators out of danger's way. The county commissioners have issued orders to Sheriff Turner and his deputies to arrest any persons who go on the beach, whether they be afoot, on bicycles or with teams.

The automobile association will use every precaution to prevent accidents and all spectators are cautioned to stay up on the sand dunes. Keep your dogs at home, and don't allow young children to go to the beach unattended.

E. E. Dewitt, a well known photographer, from Connecticut, who is employed at Baker's Studio has excellent views of the auto wrecked on the beach Saturday. He also has good pictures of the racers which are now speeding on the beach. Mr. Dewitt can be found at 232 South Beach street.

Mrs. F. J. Niver is spending a few days with friends in St. Augustine.



physician and pleasant manner. For nearly ten years he has been a leading spirit in the realm of sports. For three years he has been an enthusiastic participant in many notable races. His greatest effort to win honors in this field was in the Vanderbilt cup race, on Long Island, last fall, when he drove his own machine against all the professionals from this country and Europe.

Raoul leaves to mourn his demise a wife and four children in New York. Croker was unmarried. His father is in England, and his mother and sister were on their way to Florida when they learned of his death.

Both bodies started for New York today, accompanied by Mrs. Croker and daughter, and E. J. Conley, a friend of the family.

Raoul was a man of limited means and a purse has been subscribed by the guests of the Hotel Ormond for the wife and little ones.

The automobile that figured in the accident lies at the Ormond garage, a wreck.

The only eye witnesses to the accident that Coroner Wallace could find were Wm. L. Shea, a chauffeur, and Chas. Maher, a machinist, although a number of others claim to have been near the scene.

Mr. Shea's account of the accident given to the coroner is as follows: "I was sitting on the beach about 3:30 this afternoon watching the

path of racer. Croker swerved hard to the left to avoid an accident. The turn had to be short and quick because they were close together. The motorcycle was struck throwing it towards the water. The front wheel of the auto ground into a soft spot in the sand and a tire smashed, the auto being thrown on its side, turning over and over and must have killed on its occupants. There were no other vehicles or people in the way. It was an accident. I don't think there was any intentional collision. I went down at once and found Croker and Raoul lying close together, the latter dead, with his face crushed and a hole in his head. Croker was alive but broken up."

Beach Precautions.

Keep all dogs off the beach. Observe the rules of the road; "Keep to the right." Hold your course that is keep straight ahead, don't try dodging. Stop the children from digging holes in the racing part of the beach. Holes were to be seen Saturday which would have wrecked any fast moving vehicle. Bicycle learners should get on the roof of a house to practice—it is just as safe as the beach during race week. The Fool Killer is abroad. Observe the above rules and avoid a visit.

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